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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PLOS, CU

SUBJECT: US VESSEL DETAINED BY CUBA

REFS: A. PANAMA 4148; B. PANAMA 3976; C. STATE 134833

1. EMBASSY THIS MORNING CONTACTED JOHN DINNENY, MASTER OF THE "WIZARD OF BRISTOL" (WOB) AND INFORMED HIM OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE OUTLINED IN REF C. DINNENY IS APPRECIATIVE OF OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN EXPLANATION FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. HE AND THE OWNER OF THE VESSEL PLAN TO FILE A CLAIM AGAINST THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY THE WOB DURING SEIZURE AND SUBSEQUENT DETENTION. HE IS FILING A MARINER'S COMPLAINT WITH CANAL ZONE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND WILL SUPPLEMENT THIS WITH AN EXTENDED COMPLAINT WHAN A COMPLETE SURVEY OF THE DAMAGE IS MADE.

2. WOB TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TRANSIT THE CANAL ON JUNE 15 AND TO DEPART THE CANAL ZONE FOR CALIFORNIA ONJUNE 17. DINNENY IS WILLING TO WAIT FOR AMPLIFYING INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE INITIATING ADDITIONAL ACTION. HE REQUESTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT THE OWNER OF THE VESSEL WHEN A RESPONSE FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IS RECEIVED: OWNER IS: MR. EDMUND TAYLOR, 2811 CARLETON STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, PHONE: 714-224-9021. GONZALEZ

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